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HONGKONG, JULY 20TH, 1876.

No more striking proof of the imperfect nature of Chinese civilisation need be given than the apathy with which they are wont to regard suffering, and the low value they are accustomed to set on human life. It is a common thing for beggars to be allowed to die of want or disease in the public thoroughfares. Where they fall, there, as a rule, they are allowed to lie until they begin to decompose. It is robbery's business to remove them, and consequently they are suffered to remain on the spot where they die. The *Canton Advertiser*, in a recent issue, mentions a case of the kind. The corpse of a miserable beggar wrapped in his wretched and filthy rags, had been allowed to lie under the burning rays of a tropical sun all day without the authorities showing any inclination to remove it. It is revolting to the feelings to see a human being, however low, let us say, in rank, in poverty or vice, left to die like dogs in the open streets. But there is no poor-law in China no huge and unworthy Union at which the pauper can claim food and lodging. The English poor-law may be costly, and liable to gross abuses, but, there is some satisfaction in the fact that it provides for the relief of the destitute and renders starvation a voluntary act on the part of any individual. Parish rates are, indeed, looked upon with marked aversion by English people; the Union is by the poor regarded as the "nearest refuge left" to them in distress. The working classes in England are proud and independent; they feel it a keen degradation to be compelled to accept charity, more especially to enter the "Home," as a consequence of any kind is peculiarly abominable. But, compared with the state of things prevailing in China, how humane and civilised appears the vast provision made by the State already got out of reach of poverty.

in Great Britain for the relief of the indigent. The paternal Government of the Central Kingdom has done little for the mitigation of suffering, for the redress of wrong, for the protection of the weak. The law is feeble, and is for the most part strictly administered. The prisons are such foul and noxious dens that death itself is preferable to a long term of confinement in them. The long term of mendicants who swarm in every city in the Empire are left to prey on the industrious citizens, or get a scanty subsistence how they can. The condition of these poor wretches is a scandal to the Government. It is very probable that the population in many parts is excessive and that it would be almost impossible to give all the paupers either employment or permanent relief, but something could be done in this direction if the Government were only properly administered. At all events, there is no excuse for the authorities of a city like Canton allowing a corpse to lie exposed the day long in the public streets.

For "tricks that are mean," the Chinaman has acquired a rather enviable notoriety. Whether they or not he deserves it, all is another matter. It is undoubtedly a fact that his imitative faculty is very largely developed, and that he is troubled with a strong propensity for obtaining his own ends by means of trickery. The Chinaman, we next called, shooting with intent to murder. Sarah Dean, a Sikh constable, was brought up for sentence, having been convicted of shooting with intent to murder Sergeant Chong Deen.

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970 cheats, and which was sold on the Hankow and Shanghai markets, shows a loss to the manufacturer of 10 guineas per pound. This is a great pity, as it will, in all probability, stop in future the sale of this tea at this port. Green, on the other hand, are paying the dealers in most instances over 6 guineas per pound. Some cheaps were sold yesterday on Shanghai at 30/- per cwt. India, and Ceylon, are paid 10/- per cwt. and New York, no particular name is shown anything but less to the buyers.

KUINKIANG.

(From our own Correspondent.)

KUINKIANG, 7th July. You have, of course, heard of the floods in the river Min at Foochow, which occurred about the 11th June. About five to ten days after, there was a great flood in the Min, the Ching, Kiang, and Hui, which crossed the mountain separating Fochien and Kiangsi, and runs into the Yangtze at Nan-chang-fu, the provincial capital of Kiangsi. There has been great loss of life and great destruction of property. About 30 miles, or 20 miles, from "Nan-chang-fu" a temple was washed away.

"At Fuchow" (in Kiangsi) was Poochow where the water was up to the roof of the house of the Chinese fathers who were in it. The Chinese fathers were washed away.

It is said that at Nan-chang-fu, a number of people who were looking at a play were not able to get away before the torrent rushing from the mountains was upon them. If you have floods in the Canton river and in the Swatow river then I believe these floods are caused by the clouds which would otherwise fall in showers and fertilise all the terrain and land.

The water at Kuan-chia is going down, and at Hankow it is lower than it was last year. The water in the Min is now up to the level of the Poyang Lake, and therefore comes from the hills between Kiangsi and Fochien and Canton. The water at Hankow is low; therefore the rate in the interior is below the average.

I fear there will be short crops, and famine to some extent—famine is indeed almost certain more or less.

We have no news about the Yunnan affair. It may be that we shall have rebellion, and even war in a country in such a state would not be desirable.

CHINKIANG.

The Tso-tai has issued a proclamation, withdrawing the export duty on rice to Foochow. The Governor-General has received a communication from the Governor of Fochien respecting the distress which has been caused by the floods, and has directed that the people be engaged to assist those who have suffered. The Tso-tai has issued a proclamation that no foreigner should bring to the South by foreign steamers should be encouraged so much as possible. He has accordingly instructed the Tso-tai to take of the export duty with this object.

The prohibition on the use of the O. N. O.'s bulk-martiniac, in defiance of common sense and justice, is in absurd to suppose that a man drowning in a foot of water, can influence the course either of the one way or the other; and it is unjust to enforce a decree pending an appeal against it.

A foreign resident was told last week that there was a robbery in his room, and running up stairs found a Chinaman, with a knife, inclined to show active fight. He seized a revolver and pulled twice, but it missed fire; and then ran off and knocked him in the head with the butt. The Chinaman then retreated who soon came round, however, and removed the struggle, whereupon another foreigner, who was in the house, arrived, and helped to carry off the man to the British Consulate. Here he was handed over by the Constable, and the Acting Vice-Consul was asked to send him into the city. He did so—in charge of a solitary guard who stopped him while he had been knocked into a ditch, by the robber, and escaped.

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Extracts.

REMARKABLE EXPERIMENTS AND THEORIES OF ELECTRICAL PHENOMENA.

AN ASTONISHING REVELATION.

On the 8th of March an American gentleman, known as A. L. Watson, died in a boarding-house at Honolulu from pulmonary affection. He reached the island about a year ago, in a feeble condition, travelling thither-in quest of genial climate influences for the restoration of his health; but the insidious disease—consumption—had gained too strong a hold upon his system to be dislodged, and, after a few delusive intervals of apparently returning strength, he gradually yielded to the fatal malady. Watson was remarked as a person of singularly robust constitution, and subject to storms and irregular convulsions influenced by the sun. His regions overlying extended belts of metal he deposits, the electric currents have a tendency to sweep below the surface, leaving the atmosphere lightly charged, and the effect of this condition is plainly marked in climatic peculiarities and with reference to the human intellect. In such regions rain rarely falls when the sun is in its ascendance, and the electrical currents are strongly and steadily maintained. When the sun recedes to the inevitable hour, he manifested a desire to exert the electric spark more intensely, his body lying rigid, and fully perceived, and I understood everything that was transpiring. An extended period in reference to this experiment is evidently in Professor Parnell's own handwriting, and some of his most interesting passages are permitted to be copied:

"A period of unconsciousness had supervened, of what duration, the mind had no conception. There was a sense of gradually expanded sphere of being, and I seemed to occupy an indefinite space with a food point at which all the senses employed in the physical being were inextricably mingled and animated, and harmonized with other superior faculties of power beyond the pale of mortal comprehension. I saw my body lying rigid, and fully perceived, and understood everything that was transpiring. I saw every pulsation of the heart, and the activity of the brain, which seemed to be the centre of great molecular communion, producing copious showers. At the periods of the equinoxes the control of the sun is partially raised himself in bed, moved his glazing eyes in the direction, and pointed to a trunk on the opposite side of the room. He fell back upon his pillow; for a few moments the death-ratio grew more feeble and less frequent, then all was still, and his life had passed out. The remains of the stranger were given decent burial with a small amount of means that he possessed at the time of his death, and after the said duty had been performed, Dr. Brooks took charge of the trunk which had been transferred to his custody as the last act of the dying man. On investigation the contents in most part were found to consist of commonplace personal effects, but at the bottom of the trunk was deposited a mass of papers. A portion of these were elaborately written narratives and descriptions. While others were mere memoranda, all referring to experiments and discoveries in electrical science. By the advice of those he called in consultation, Dr. Brooks determined upon presenting the matter to the world in the form of a book, and immediately set about the work of transcribing the various papers in proper form and reducing the memoranda as far as clearly understood, preparatory to publishing them. But that object in view it is probable that he will be ready to leave Honolulu for San Francisco by the next steamer. By the courtesy of this gentleman a brief extract of these remarkable papers, indicating their purport, is permitted to be given for publication in the press, and the effect of this concession will no doubt be to excite a widespread anxiety for the early appearance of the volume and create for it an unlimited demand from all parts of the world."

In the Spring of 1860, Dr. Laurence Parnell, Professor of Chemistry in a University of Louisiana, in Bienville Parish, entered upon a new course of research in electrical science, which promised to solve some of the greatest scientific questions of the age and penetrate even the profound mystery of life itself. His original determination was that electricity, susceptible to the senses only by its development as a force, was in reality one of the prime elements of the universe, having its relative position and functions intermediate with the material and spiritual conditions of existence, being, in fact, the medium through which mind and matter are held in conjunction—it so designated positive and negative principles pertaining to each respectively. It occupies the entire universe, pervading alike the atmosphere, the solid substance of the earth and other planets, and the imponderable ether of space. Its visible effects are not produced by generation, but by disturbance of the equilibrium by accumulation of the property in sympathy with the material order, which is accomplished by the various methods mechanical and chemical, familiar to a majority of readers. The early experiments of Professor Parnell were simple, but novel, and tended to establish the communicating principle of electricity between mind and matter, or mind and matter. He had recourse to a battery and a peculiar method of insulation, and apparatus for perfecting the circuit, constantly assisted in his studies by his attached student, Alber L. Watson. In one of these experiments Professor Parnell and Watson took positions some yards apart, each holding a pole of the battery. The circuit was completed by a wire extended above, each end diverging into numerous fine prongs, surrounding a vapour jet suspended directly over the heads of the Professor and his student respectively, but not in actual contact. In this relation Watson would take a book containing matter of an impressive character, open its pages at random, and fix his mind entirely upon the passages he perused. The Professor immediately received the impression, and in response to a description of grand scenery, for instance, would exclaim, "Mountains rising to the skies—great, rolling clouds upon their crests—the eagle soaring from a craggy peak—and now a flashing stream crossing the low green valleys far away," or other language connoting precisely to the suggestions conveyed by the passage silently perused by Watson. The description of a battle scene or a storm at sea, and a great variety of other reflections, were as readily comprehended by Professor Parnell by this method of electrical transmission.

In Watson's notes referring to these experiments, it is declared that by the employment of electricity as a communicating medium in the manner indicated the most sacred secrets might be disclosed from a mind unconscious of the application. The felon in his cell, being placed unconsciously in insulation, and in contact with a pole of the battery, his head resting in proximity to the converging prongs, would transmit his guilty meditations, the spectacle of his crime, and even his dreams, to the susceptible brain at the opposite pole.

In the midst of these interesting studies the crash of war fell upon the country, and the pursuits of science, except such as pertained to mortal strife, were abandoned throughout the Southern States. The university in Bienville Parish was closed, and the students relinquished their books for the acquirements of battle. Professor Parnell, and Watson, however, inseparably attached to their splendid train of discovery, maintained their association and resolved to continue their experiments regardless of the tumult of war and all other issue of the period. They removed to a retired locality on the Bayou Livrono, which was chosen not for its seclusion but for its peculiar adaptation for a course of experiments about to be instituted on a grand scale. Professor Parnell had conceived the possibility of bringing the human mind to its mortal relation to a subtle quality of its outer life, or the spiritual sphere of existence. Already in the course of experiments leading to this belief, undertaken many important questions of electrical phenomena had been solved, and a number of the most interesting conclusions may here be briefly summarized, without attempting even a synopsis of the extended details of the demonstrations given in Watson's papers, much of which matter is of a technical order and not easily simplified in limited space for the understanding of the unscientific reader.

Professor Parnell determined that the great process of evaporation was entirely a function of the electric power, controlled by the sun, and accompanied by the actual decomposition

of moisture on the surface of the earth, full possession of his faculties. In the reunion of the component gases in the atmosphere, at times quickly and steadily, and again with violence, when vast bodies of pressurized air were too profound for the retinae of the mind, the mortal relation to their atomic properties. When the and the mental vertigo that extended to great electric equilibrium is greatly deranged, the nervous agitation was the result of his effort. Several weeks were occupied in prosecuting these efforts and recovering mental composure. An extended period in reference to this experiment is evidently in Professor Parnell's own handwriting, and some of his most interesting passages are permitted to be copied:

"A period of unconsciousness had supervened, of what duration, the mind had no conception. There was a sense of gradually expanded sphere of being, and I seemed to occupy an indefinite space with a food point at which all the senses employed in the physical being were inextricably mingled and animated, and harmonized with other superior faculties of power beyond the pale of mortal comprehension. I saw my body lying rigid, and fully perceived, and understood everything that was transpiring. I saw every pulsation of the heart, and the activity of the brain, which seemed to be the centre of great molecular communion, producing the appearance of a fiery effervescence,

the equinoxes the control of the sun is particularly disturbed. The electric element is partially raised himself in bed, moved his glazing eyes in the direction, and pointed to a trunk on the opposite side of the room. He fell back upon his pillow; for a few moments the death-ratio grew more feeble and less frequent, then all was still, and his life had passed out. The remains of the stranger were given decent burial with a small amount of means that he possessed at the time of his death, and after the said duty had been performed, Dr. Brooks took charge of the trunk which had been transferred to his custody as the last act of the dying man. On investigation the contents in most

part were found to consist of commonplace personal effects, but at the bottom of the trunk was deposited a mass of papers. A portion of these were elaborately written narratives and descriptions. While the man had no conception, there was a sense of gradually expanded sphere of being, and I seemed to occupy an indefinite space with a food point at which all the senses employed in the physical being were inextricably mingled and animated, and harmonized with other superior faculties of power beyond the pale of mortal comprehension. I saw my body lying rigid, and fully perceived, and understood everything that was transpiring. I saw every pulsation of the heart, and the activity of the brain, which seemed to be the centre of great molecular communion, producing the appearance of a fiery effervescence,

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